

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. NELSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

To amend title 10, United States Code, to require the naval forces of the Navy to include not less than 12 operational aircraft carriers.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. REQUIREMENT FOR 12 OPERATIONAL AIR-**
4 **CRAFT CARRIERS WITHIN NAVAL FORCES OF**
5 **THE NAVY.**

6 Section 5062 of title 10, United States Code, is
7 amended—

8 (1) by redesignating subsections (b) and (c) as
9 subsections (c) and (d), respectively; and

1 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
2 lowing new subsection (b):

3 “(b) The naval combat forces of the Navy shall in-
4 clude not less than 12 operational aircraft carriers. For
5 purposes of this subsection, an operational aircraft carrier
6 includes an aircraft carrier that is temporarily unavailable
7 for worldwide deployment due to routine or scheduled
8 maintenance or repair.”.